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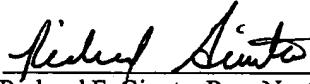
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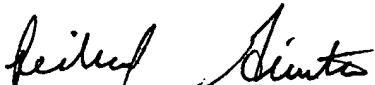
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Sir:

A one (1) month extension of time, to and including September 6, 2004, is requested for response to the Patent Office Communication of May 6, 2004.

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